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EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
FRANCIER OBANDO PINILLO,  
Defendant.

No. 4:24-CR-06032-SAB-1

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION  
FOR DISCOVERY  
PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Before the Court is the United States' Motion for Protective Order Regulating Disclosure of Discovery and Sensitive Information, ECF No. 26. Defendant is represented by Jeffrey Coopersmith and Maia Robbins. The United States is represented by Daniel Fruchter and Jeremy Kelley. The motion was considered without oral argument.

The United States requests the Court enter a Protective Order regarding the dissemination of discovery materials and sensitive information in this matter. Defendant does not oppose. The Court finds good cause to grant the motion.

Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. The United States' Motion for Protective Order Regulating Disclosure of Discovery and Sensitive Information, ECF No. 26, is **GRANTED**.

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**The Protective Order is entered as follows:**

2. The United States is authorized to disclose the discovery including sensitive information and materials (hereinafter “Discovery”) in its possession pursuant to the discovery obligations imposed by this Court.

3. Government personnel and counsel for FRANCIER OBANDO PINILLO (“Defendant”), shall not provide, or make available, the sensitive information in the Discovery to any person except as specified in the Order or by approval from this Court. Counsel for Defendant and the Government shall restrict access to the Discovery, and shall only disclose the sensitive information in the Discovery to their client, office staff, investigators, independent paralegals, necessary third-party vendors, consultants, and/or anticipated fact or expert witnesses to the extent that defense counsel believes is necessary to assist in the defense of their client in this matter or that the Government believes is necessary in the investigation and prosecution of this matter.

4. Third parties contracted by the United States or counsel for Defendant, to provide expert analysis or testimony, may possess and inspect the sensitive information in the Discovery, but only as necessary to perform their case-related duties or responsibilities in this matter. At all times, third parties shall be subject to the terms of the Order.

5. Discovery in this matter will be available to defense counsel via access to a case file on USA File Exchange. Counsel for Defense may download Discovery from USA File Exchange and shall exercise reasonable care in ensuring the security and confidentiality of the Discovery by electronically storing the Discovery on a password-protected or encrypted storage medium, including a password-protected computer, or device. If Discovery is printed, Counsel must also exercise reasonable care in ensuring the security and confidentiality of the Discovery by storing copies in a secure place, such as a locked office, or otherwise secure facility where visitors are not left unescorted.

1           6. All counsel of record in this matter, including counsel for the United  
2 States, shall ensure that any party, including the Defendants, that obtains access to  
3 the Discovery is advised of this Order and that all information must be held in  
4 strict confidence and that the recipient may not further disclose or disseminate the  
5 information. Any other party that obtains access to, or possession of, the Discovery  
6 containing discovery information once the other party no longer requires access to  
7 or possession of such Discovery shall promptly destroy or return the Discovery  
8 once access to Discovery is no longer necessary. No other party that obtains  
9 access to or possession of the Discovery containing sensitive information shall  
10 retain such access to or possession of the Discovery containing sensitive  
11 information unless authorized by this Order, nor further disseminate such  
12 Discovery except as authorized by this Order or the further Order of this court. For  
13 purposes of this Order, “other party” is any person other than appointed counsel for  
14 the United States or counsel for Defendants.

15           7. All counsel of record, including counsel for the United States, shall  
16 keep a list of the identity of each person to whom the Discovery containing  
17 sensitive information is disclosed. Neither counsel for Defendants nor counsel for  
18 the United States shall be required to disclose this list of persons unless ordered to  
19 do so by the Court.

20           8. Upon entry of a final order of the Court in this matter and conclusion  
21 of any direct appeals, government personnel and counsel for Defendants shall  
22 retrieve and destroy all copies of the Discovery containing sensitive information,  
23 except that counsel and government personnel may maintain copies in their closed  
24 files following their customary procedures.

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1           9. Government personnel and counsel for Defendants shall promptly  
2 report to the Court any known violations of this Order.

3           **IT IS SO ORDERED.** The District Court Clerk is hereby directed to enter  
4 this Order and provide copies to counsel.

5           **DATED** this 23rd day of January 2025.



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13 Chief United States District Judge  
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